GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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SSI INVESTMENT CEILING
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to raise the SSI investment ceiling for 13 bulk drugs and drug intermediates from Rs. one crore to Rs. five cores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have recently dereserved five drug intermediates from SSI sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) to what extent it will improve the country`s export market in these products?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING,DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Government have tabled a draft order in the Lok Sabha on 19.07.2002 seeking to raise the SSI investment ceiling from Rs. one crore to five crore in respect of ten products in the drugs and pharmaceuticals sector. The list of these items is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Four drug intermediates have been dereserved by the Government vide Notification S.O. 533(E) dated 20.05.2002. These are: Other citrates, Methyl & Salicylate (Based on purchased Salicylate acid), Glycero Phosphates and Halogenated hydroxy - quinoline starting from 8 - hydroxy quinolines except for integrated schemes for the manufactures of 8 - hydroxy - quinolines.

(e): The dereservation of four items and raising of investment ceiling in respect of ten items will help SSI units to enhance their competitiveness both in the domestic and export markets through facilitating technological upgradation and adoption of international quality standards.